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FOR: NOVEL RHEOLOGY REGULATORS SUCH AS GROUND NATURAL CALCIUM
CARBONATES OPTIONALLY TREATED WITH A FATTY ACID OR SALT
AND THEIR USE

STATUS REQUEST

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SIR:

The Patent Office is respectfully requested to advise the undersigned of the approximate date a first Official Action will be issued in this Application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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